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SUBJ: MEDICAL FACILITIES, NDJAMENA

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1. IN MEETING OCTOBER 21 WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOUZE, AMBASSADOR (ACCOMPANIED BY RMO DR. DYRUD AND NURSE NEAL) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION ON PART OF AMERICAN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY FOR EXCELLENT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN PAST BY FRENCH MILITARY HOSPITAL, REFERRED TO REPORTS CIRCULATING LOCALLY THAT HOSPITAL WOULD BE LEAVING ALONG WITH EVACUATION OF FRENCH MILITARY PERSONNEL AT BASE AT NDJAMENA, AND SAID THAT AMERICAN COMMUNITY WAS VERY CONCERNED REGARDING FUTURE OF MEDICAL FACILITIES AT THIS POST. AMBASSADOR ASKED WHAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR COULD SAY RESPECTING FUTURE OF FRENCH MILITARY HOSPITAL.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF PROBLEM AND HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH GENERAL MALLOUM (PRESIDENT OF SUPREME
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MILITARY COUNCIL AND CHIEF OF STATE). HE SAID THAT FORTY PERCENT

OF PERSONS USING FACILITY OF HOSPITAL HAD BEEN PERSONS FROM DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND FRENCH CIVILIANS PLUS SOME CHADIANS, INCLUDING GENERAL MALLOUM. HE CONTINUED THAT THAT MORNING HEHAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING TO CHADIAN GOVERNMENT: (A) NEGOTIATE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH GOC REGARDING THE HOSPITAL; (B) MILITARY HOSPITAL WOULD BE "CARVED OUT" OF BASE AREA AND SET UP AS CHADIAN HOSPITAL FACILITY; (C) THIS FACILITY WOULD BE OPEN TO THOSE WHO HAD USED FORMER FRENCH MILITARY HOSPITAL; (D) HOSPITAL WOULD BE STAFFED BY FRENCH MILITARY DOCTORS; (E) IF GOC IN AGREEMENT, "TEAM" FROM PARIS WOULD COME IMMEDIATELY TO NDJAMENA TO NEGOTIATE SUCH AN AGREEMENT; AND (F) MEANWHILE, "STATUS QUO" WOULD OBTAIN, I.E., MILITARY HOSPITAL AND ITS DOCTORS WOULD REMAIN. TOUZE SAID HE HAD SIGNED NOTE TO GENERAL MALLOUM FEW MINUTES BEFORE MEETING, PROPOSING NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

3. AMBASSADOR'S VIEW, CONCURRED IN BY DR. DYRUD WHO HAS BEEN IN NDJAMENA OCTOBER 19-22, IS THAT MEDICAL FACILITIES HERE FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL WILL PROBABLY SUFFER SIGNIFICANT DEGRADATION, BUT THAT INITIATIVE OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT OFFERS SOME HOPE THAT THIS DEGRADATION COULD BE WITHIN LIMITS THAT WOULD ENABLE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE MEDICAL FACILITIES TO AMERICAN PERSONNEL STATIONED IN NDJAMENA.

4. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED AS SITUATION DEVELOPS.
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